

January 2004 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of January, 2004: 69 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 23 Drift Sink Gillnet, 64 Bottom Otter Trawl, 3 Scallop Dredge, 3 Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, and 1 Closed Area Scallop. There were 5 aborted trips. The following takes were observed:

<i>Trip Type</i>	<i>Trip ID*</i>	<i>Date Landed</i>	<i>Number of Takes</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
ASG 100	C34002C	01/03/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, seen by captain/crew only
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ASG 100	C66003C	01/29/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C66004C	01/30/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh

**"C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data).*

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet

